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FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
SOUTH AMERICA, NS

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	The Solidarity Center's programs in Latin America focus mainly on strengthening the unions' capacity to organize, to bargain collectively, to administer their organizations in a democratic and sustainable manner, and to educate their members for political participation in a global economy. The ultimate goal of these programs is to enable trade unions to effectively promote democratic, equitable, and sustainable development, based on respect for fundamental human and worker rights, throughout the Americas. The program assists workers to exercise their rights under national labor laws, to create and strengthen workplace industrial unions, to strengthen collective bargaining through the establishment of regional structures linking unions in a particular sector, thus covering as many workers as possible under collective bargaining agreements and negotiating them successfully; and coordinate "framework agreements" that establish criteria for all of an employer's production facilities. These include the creation of economic research departments and legal departments with trained staff to support bargaining. Funded and implemented by USAID/DG.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	339,853
Competition Policy TA (U.S. Dept of Justice)	The U.S. Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice are providing technical assistance to enhance the ability of the Andean Community (Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela) to apply their competition laws in a way that encourages a more competitive marketplace. The program shares the experience of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anticompetitive conduct. Assistance primarily takes the form of regional seminars on competition policy and investigative techniques. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Justice.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	75,100

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Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)	The Andean Regional Trade Capacity Building Program is providing technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Andean Community (CAN) countries and the CAN General Secretariat) to prepare for trade negotiations and implement trade agreements by providing technical assistance on the rules of trade, expanding the numbers of trained trade officials better prepared to participate in trade negotiations, and developing the CAN General Secretariat's capacity to support trade-related training and nurture strengthening of the trade policy consultative process within the Andean region. NOTE that LAC/RSD/BBEG (the office within LAC/RSD that is implementing the activity) is working closely, under Agency reorganization guidelines, to transfer management of the Program to USAID/Peru. Funded and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Agreement on SPS	330,000
		Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	220,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	550,000
		Activity Total	1,100,000
Reclassification of vicuna to threatened w/ special rule	Consistent with the reclassification of certain populations of vicuna under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Fish and Wildlife Service has reclassified the vicuna under the Endangered Species Act from endangered to threatened. The ESA reclassification included a special rule that establishes conservation incentives by removing restrictions on imports of vicuna wool and wool products into the United States when derived from populations that are being managed in a manner that promotes the recovery and conservation of the species. Funded and implemented by Department of Interior.	Export Promotion	1,250
		Environmental Trade & Standards	1,250
		Activity Total	2,500

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TA by U.S. Federal Trade Commission	The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are providing technical assistance to enhance the ability of the competition authorities in the Andean Community (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela) to apply their competition laws in ways that encourages a more competitive marketplace. The program shares FTC and DOJ experience in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remediating anti-competitive conduct. This assistance has primarily taken the form of regional seminars in which FTC and DOJ career staff transfer their practical skills through interactive hypothetical cases. Subjects addressed have included cartels and other anti-competitive agreements, mergers, abuse of dominance, competition in regulated industries, and establishing effective competition authorities. In the case of Ecuador, which is considering enacting a competition law, it included visit to support Ecuadorian efforts to build support for a competition law. The program is assisting these authorities to prepare to comply with their anticipated competition obligations under FTAA, and enhances their ability to take action against anti-competitive practices that inhibit trade and investment as well as harm domestic consumer welfare. Funded by USAID and implemented by Federal Trade Commission.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	329,300

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TA by U.S. Federal Trade Commission	The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) have recently concluded providing technical assistance to enhance the ability of the competition authorities in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay to apply their competition laws in ways that encourages a more competitive marketplace. The program shares the experience of the FTC and DOJ in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anti-competitive conduct. This assistance has primarily taken the form of regional seminars in which FTC and DOJ career staff transfer their practical skills through interactive hypothetical cases. Subjects addressed have included anti-competitive agreements between competitors, competition in regulated industries, abuse of dominance, and mergers. In the case of Uruguay, which has a new competition law, it included a Uruguay-specific visit to address issues of particular importance to a new competition authority. The program assisted these authorities in preparing to comply with their anticipated competition obligations under FTAA, and enhances their ability to take action against anti-competitive practices that inhibit trade and investment as well as harm domestic consumer welfare. Funded by USAID and implemented by Federal Trade Commission.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	39,200
TA for Competition Authorities (U.S. Dept. of Justice)	In Argentina, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) provided technical assistance to enhance the capability of the Argentine Commission for the Defense of Competition and the Competition Secretariat to serve as a mentor, an example, and a resource to other countries in the Mercosur region. This will assist those countries in applying their competition laws in a way that encourages a more competitive marketplace. The program shared the experience of the FTC and DOJ in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anticompetitive conduct and also the Argentine authorities in applying that experience in an economy in transition. Assistance primarily took the form of regional seminars on competition policy and investigative techniques. In Paraguay and Uruguay, FTC and DOJ provided technical assistance to prepare the governments of Paraguay and Uruguay to formulate and apply a competition law in a way that encourages a more competitive marketplace. The program shared the experience of the FTC and DOJ in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anticompetitive conduct. Assistance took the form of seminars conducted in Argentina. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Justice.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	9,989

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